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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, GW, GE, US, UK, UR, FR  
SUBJECT: FRG/GDR BORDER COMMISSION: THE STATE OF  
PLAY

REFS: (A) BONN A-47; (B) BONN 1841; (C) 76 BONN 14756

BEGIN SUMMARY: FRG HAS BRIEFED ALLIES IN BONN GROUP ON  
THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FRG/GDR BORDER COMMISS-  
SION NOTING THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NOW COMPLETED THE  
DELINEATION OF THE INNER-GERMAN BORDER EXCEPT FOR THE  
ELBE. THE FRG IS NOW CONSIDERING HOW THE WORK OF  
THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE FINALIZED. END SUMMARY

1. IN APRIL 19 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (VON ARNIM)  
UPDATED ALLIED REPS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FRG/GDR  
BORDER COMMISSION. VON ARNIM BEGAN BY NOTING THAT  
THE TECHNICAL WORK OF THE COMMISSION IN DELINEATING  
THE INNER-GERMAN BORDER IS NOW COMPLETE WITH THE  
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EXCEPTION OF THE ELBE SECTION. IN THAT REGARD, HE  
GAVE BRITISH AND US REPS PRINTED MATERIAL AND MAPS  
ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE  
FORMER SECTORS.

2. AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS IN EARLY MARCH, VON ARNIM  
SAID THAT THE CABINET HAD DECIDED TO PROPOSE TO THE

GDR IN THE BORDER COMMISSION THAT THE QUESTION OF THE ELBE BOUNDARY BE SET ASIDE AND THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SOLVING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE RIVER, NAMELY THE ENSURING OF UNIMPEDED INLAND SHIPPING ON THE WATERWAY AS CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 23 OF THE FRG/GDR TRAFFIC AGREEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF WITH SIMPLIFIED BORDER CROSSING PROCEDURES AND THE QUESTION OF FISHING RIGHTS.

3. VON ARNIM SAID THESE POINTS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE TO THE GDR IN THE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, THE GDR HAS NOT YET FORMALLY REACTED.

4. ACCORDING TO VON ARNIM, THE CABINET HAS ALSO CONSIDERED HOW THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE FINALIZED, BEARING IN MIND THE GDR DESIRE TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK WITH A FORMAL TREATY (REF C) AND THE FRG POSITION THAT THE FINALIZING DOCUMENT SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A REPORT BY THE COMMISSION TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AS CALLED FOR IN THE BASIC TREATY.

5. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS PRESENTLY STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSING A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AS WELL AS REGIERUNGSABKOMMEN (GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT) EXTENDING THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION IN THE FUTURE.

6. VON ARNIM CONCLUDED THAT THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE  
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TO KEEP THE ALLIES INFORMED ON THE SITUATION. AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO SAY IN THE BUNDESTAG THAT THE ALLIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND DO NOT HAVE OBJECTION TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. HOWEVER, THAT WOULD NOT OCCUR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.  
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